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THE AUTOMATIC ACTIVATION OF THE PARKING  
BRAKE IN MOTOR VEHICLE

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The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
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**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.